Installation of hi-tech software at Kolkata Airport for preventing smuggling

945. DR. C. NARAYANANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to instal a high-tech sofware at the Netaji Subash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata to check smuggling;

(b) whether such devices will be installed in other airports also; and

(c) the significant feature of this system in checking smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Information in this regard is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exemption to AI and IA from paying sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel

946. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs has agreed in principle to exempt Air India and Indian Airlines from paying sales tax on Aviation Turbine Fuel for its international flights; and

(b) if so, whether this step will enable the airlines to conduct their operations without further losses of revenue?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs have opined that Central Sales Tax Act needs to be amended to render sale and supply of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to Air India and Indian Airlines for their international flights unchargeable '